

Season 1 Episode 7

The Rock King

Annie and Jake ride in a wooden cart that they made. They pedal it and they move very fast that everything on the street becomes a blur. They begin to slow down at a hill. They slow down to a point where they are about to stop, and they end up on the hill, so they drop down it. They move so fast that they lose control of the cart entirely and they cannot escape the cart either. They crash into a rock and they go flying into a gray dull looking building and they crash through a small window and they fall in the basement of the building. Jake said, "Where are we?" Annie said, "This looks just like any of the other institutions we've seen at this place." Jake said, "This one looks old and abandoned. I see spider webs everywhere and dust on everything." Annie said, "We need to get out of here, but we smashed through that small window. Where's the front door?" They hear a familiar iconic voice say, "Who goes there?" Annie said, "We are sorry to intrude on your property. It was all an accident. We broke a window here, but I will pay for it and we would like to know the way out of here." The voice said, "Even I can't tell you that." Annie said, "Why is that?" The voice said, "I've been locked in here for decades and they've never shown me the way out." Annie said, "We are trying to get out. Maybe we can team up and we can both find a way out of here. This looks just like any old building to me." The voice said, "Trust me, it's not. I am locked into this seat. If you could free me, that would be nice." Annie said, "I don't know who you are, and I don't know where you are, but I will follow your voice." Annie and Jake follow the man's voice and they see a man with an Elvis Presley hairstyle sitting in the chair. They can only see his silhouette. Annie flicks on a light switch and the lights in the room come on. They see the man in the chair and it is Elvis Presley as an old man. Annie and Jake's mouths slowly fall open.

Annie said, "Are you who I think you are?" Elvis Presley said, "I am Elvis Presley. I am the King of Rock. I do all my signature moves as well as sing the greatest songs that could be sung." Annie said, "I thought you died in 1977." Elvis said, "That is a story they tell the public, so they won't go looking for me. I will tell you the truth. In 1977, I continued to do my musical acts as everyone knows. The government said I was considered to be odd or unusual in a way that it threatens the peace. I fail to see how that threatens the peace at all. I was captured and detained in this cell they told me was placed in the heart of a crazy town the public does not know about. They knew people would come looking for me if I was kidnapped so the government paid the media to say that I was dead in 1977." Annie said, "They are right then." Elvis said, "What do you mean?" Annie said, "When you died or, so they thought, people came up with numerous stories that your death was not real. Those people were right. I thought they were just hard-core fans that don't like to think their favorite singer was dead. Even if it meant that they would never see you perform again or hear you record any new songs or albums." Elvis said, "I would be recording new songs and albums if I was never kidnapped by the government." Annie said, "I am Annie, and this is my friend, Jake. We were also captured by

the government and were forced to live in this crazy town. We were brought here a few weeks ago and we've been trying to escape ever since. We will bring you out of here and we will make sure the public knows the truth about you and this evil place." Elvis said, "That sounds good. Now get me out of these chains." Annie sees controls on the wall and she flicks a switch on it and the chains and restraints on Elvis' chair come undone and Elvis is free. Elvis sees the broken window that Annie and Jake flew through earlier. Elvis manages to remove the window frame and the three of them climb out of the window and they are back on the street.

Annie and Jake sneak Elvis into the main residence. Annie said, "This is where we live in this town. We will let you live here for now. You are free to make this place your home. You deserve it for all you have done." Elvis said, "Thank you very much." Annie said, "You are free to watch TV if you want." Elvis grabs a TV remote and he turns on the TV and he watches the news. Elvis said, "The screen quality of this TV is incredible. The color is perfect, and the image is sharp." The door opens and Isaac and Wayon barge in. They both see Elvis sitting on the couch watching TV. Isaac said, "Who's this old guy? Did your grandpa come to visit?" Jake said, "This is Elvis Presley." Isaac looks at Elvis and he said, "You are Elvis Presley?" Elvis said, "Yes, I am." Isaac said, "I thought you died in 1977." Elvis said, "That's what everyone says." Isaac said, "It was like, I'm on stage and I'm singing a song. I start to feel I have a heart attack. I say, I'm having a heart attack, and people clap, and they say things like, yay a new song and then you are like, no seriously, I'm having a heart attack, and you die on stage because you had a heart attack and you said you are having a heart attack and no one believes you, so you die all because they thought it was a new song." Elvis said, "No one has ever said that's what happened." Wayon said, "If his death was a hoax, then how will the people coax?" Annie said, "We need to have the world know the truth about Elvis and the truth about this place. How are we going to do that? That is the real question."

Annie, Jake, Isaac, Wayon, and Elvis go on a walk around the crazy town. Annie said, "This crazy town is open to the public. Maybe we will see some civilians that we can show you to, so they could spread the word that you are alive. Hey look, DDD news and I think that's George Ferrier over there with them." The group runs for the DDD news crew and Annie tries to get the attention of George Ferrier. Annie said, "George Ferrier." George looks at Annie and he said, "Hello, young lady. What can I do for you." Annie said, "This place is a crazy town that kidnaps people and forces them to be detained in dirty old basements. That is what happened to this old man with me." George looks at Elvis and he said, "Is that an Elvis Presley tribute artist with you?" Annie said, "He's not a tribute artist. He's the real McCoy. Elvis!" Elvis joins in and he said, "I am Elvis Presley. The government kidnapped me in 1977 and they made a story that I died so people won't go looking for me. I am alive, and I have been detained in that awful basement prison in that gray building over there." George Ferrier said, "My oh my. That does sound like a good news story. I will get the cameras rolling. This is going to be on the 6 O'clock news."

Elvis Presley, Annie, and Jake are placed in the center of the screen the cameras will record. George Ferrier gets his microphone set up and the cameras start rolling. George Ferrier said, "I am George Ferrier of DDD news. A local girl of the San Francisco region claims

she had found Elvis Presley and that he is not dead. They say he was actually kidnapped in 1977 and he was detained in a prison in this town. I have Elvis here with me right now and let's see what he has to say." George holds the microphone up to Elvis and Elvis said, "I am not dead. I am still alive, and I can prove it. No imitator of mine can sing as good as me. I will sing." (Elvis sings one of his songs.) Elvis said, "Now decide, am I an imitator or am I the real thing?" George said, "Now I also have here with us is an insane girl named Annie and she claims she found Elvis Presley. Let's see what she has to say." George holds the microphone over to Annie and she said, "Thanks, George. First off, I am not insane. I am actually a major at calculus and vectors. I was captured by the government and I was forced to live in this town filled with crazy people. The government has been doing this to people for years. They are making them live in this place for no reason at all. I am not allowed to see my family and my friends anymore. I need to spread the word of this place. Look at what they've done to Elvis and people like me. We need this place to be shut down for good." George returns the microphone to himself and he said, "Thank you for all that information, Elvis and Annie. This is George Ferrier of DDD news."

That evening, Annie, Jake, and Elvis watch the report on live TV. They cut out most of it and they say that it is an imposter Elvis performing for an insane girl that will not go very far in life. Annie said, "Son of a glitch. They are not getting my message through. I guess we can't trust DDD news anymore." Jake said, "The news sucks these days anyways. Reading books about grass growing is more fun than watching DDD news." Annie said, "You said it." Elvis said, "Am I still going to get my freedom?" Annie said, "You will. It is just going to be harder than we thought." Elvis said, "I don't know what to think of this world. I've only been free for a day now and it looks like the world has gone bad since I was captured." Annie said, "Many people would agree with you on that." Jake said, "Don't worry. If there is one thing TV has taught me, it is that heroes like us in situations like these always win in the end." Annie said, "TV is not always right and there is a chance we may not be successful, but we will still try. I would love to end up like one of those heroes from mythology or in classical literature."

Mayor Fidelly Widely sits in his office and he has just watched the news report from DDD news on the TV. One of his advisers walks into his office and he said, "Mr. Mayor." The mayor said, "What is it?" The adviser said, "I have a raw video tape that DDD news sent to us from this afternoon. They insisted that you watch it." The mayor is handed the tape and he puts it in his VCR. He plays the tape and he watches the full uncut version of George Ferrier's interview with Annie and Elvis. Mayor Fidelly Widely said, "This is an outrage. Annie found Elvis and she is using him as another ally in her quest to escape this place. We cannot let the public know about this place and they cannot know the truth about Elvis. We need Elvis hunted down by all means necessary. Get the police and the SWAT team or maybe even the army if that's what it takes." The adviser said, "Yes sir." The adviser leaves the office.

The next day, Annie and Jake receive a letter in the mail. They read it and it says that they want Elvis to perform at an event to bring awareness of the atrocities that have been committed by villains over the years. Annie and Jake are invited as well as any friends they wish to bring along with them. Annie said, "It looks like Elvis can shine in the spotlight again."

See this letter.” Annie hands the letter to Elvis. Annie said, “They want you to perform again.” Elvis said, “I was given a letter like this before my last performance in 1977. It did not end well.” Annie said, “We are allowed to come too and we will bring some of our friends along too. We will guard you and we will make sure nothing bad happens to you.” Elvis said, “I guess I don’t have anything more to lose. I lost it all twenty-four years ago and this may be my chance to get it back.” Annie said, “The concert is on tonight at nine O’clock. We will be ready for that. Jake, call your friends and tell them they have backstage passes to a legendary concert event.” Jake said, “I will.” Annie said, “There’s nothing to fear. That’s what friends are supposed to do. To protect and defend the rights of their friends.” Elvis said, “I need to get my voice in tuned.” Elvis spends the rest of the day signing and Annie and Jake enjoy hearing Elvis Presley sing.

That night, Annie, Jake, and Elvis leave for the town’s stadium where the concert is going to be held at. They see a large crowd of thousands of people gathering around to hear the King of Rock sing again. Annie, Jake, Isaac, and Wayon are backstage and they see the tech crews getting everything set up. The four of them are presented to their seats which are in a balcony high over the event, so they can see everything that goes on. The stage goes dark and the spotlights come on and Elvis is in the spotlight. He starts singing an old favorite and people clap and cheer. He sings and does all his signature iconic moves. Annie and Jake are enjoying it and Isaac and Wayon give looks that suggest they have better things to do. Annie notices that there are armored SWAT team members in the crowd. They see viewers begin to reveal that they are not really viewers at all. Annie taps Jake and she points out what she is seeing. Jake said, “We need to do something.” Annie said, “Jake, Isaac, Wayon, Elvis is in trouble. We need to fight them off.” Annie points to where the danger is. The four of them split off to tackle the SWAT members in the crowd. They tackle them, and they fight them, and it soon becomes clear that everyone in the audience is a SWAT member that has been ordered to help take back Elvis Presley. SWAT members attempt to beat down Annie, but she jumps and kicks some of them in the face. Jake tries to punch one of them down, but he gets grabbed by them and Annie kicks them down and more run after them and Annie trips them. Annie and Jake run for Elvis. Elvis stops singing because he sees what is happening.

Annie, Jake, Isaac, and Wayon make it to the stage and Annie said, “Isaac, Wayon, try to provide a distraction while we bring Elvis to a safe place.” Annie and Jake run off the stage with Elvis and Isaac does a funny dance with Wayon but it does not work and the SWAT team continues to chase Annie and Jake with Elvis. They run down the street and Jake said, “Are we going to take Elvis to our place?” Annie said, “The people that set this up probably know he is with us and they know where our place is. They may also know where Isaac and Wayon’s place is too. It is unsafe at our place. We need to take him to a place where he can blend in easy.” Jake said, “Where is that?” Annie pans her eyes quickly trying to look for a place and she sees a disco. Annie said, “Look, a disco. We may be able to blend in there.” They run into the disco and there are crazy flashing lights going on everywhere. Generic disco music blasts through the walls. Annie and Jake with Elvis run into the crowd of disco dancers. Elvis said, “This feels like the 70’s again.” Annie said, “A lot of people are still into disco music even though it has been dead for more than twenty years.” Elvis said, “Like me.” Annie said, “Exactly.” Annie looks at the front entrance and she sees Isaac and Wayon run in the place.

There is a stage in the middle of the disco club where someone can perform on. Jake said, "Do you think these disco dancers are fakes too?" Annie said, "It's not likely. I have an idea."

Elvis walks on the empty stage and he grabs a microphone and he sings more of his greatest hits. People stop, and they clap, and they enjoy hearing the music of Elvis Presley. Annie said, "These people seem to like it." They look to the entrance and they see the SWAT team enter the place. They are armed with heavy duty blaster rifles and they have them aimed at Elvis. Annie jumps on stage and she points to the SWAT team members and she said, "See those guys with guns? They want Elvis captured and imprisoned and he is the real Elvis. He is not just some imposter that goes to your birthday parties." The disco dancers give the SWAT team dirty looks and they band together and they beat down the SWAT team. Elvis continues to sing. His songs almost match the fight going on. Annie and Jake go to the lighting controls while Isaac and Wayon party to the music and the fight. They aim the lights at the SWAT team's eyes and they are blinded temporarily. They shoot their weapons at the ceiling of the disco. They start coming in in bigger numbers and they have all their guns pointed at Elvis. Elvis leaves the stage and he joins Annie and Jake and they try to leave through the back-door emergency exit. Just as they are about to leave, A SWAT member takes out a sharp jagged disc and he throws it at the wire holding the disco ball. The disco ball falls rapidly and it smashes Elvis deep into the ground. The disco music in the place is playing again and it keeps playing loudly. Annie, Jake, Isaac, and Wayon escape the place in defeat.

The next morning, a funeral is held for Elvis Presley. It is held out in the cemetery. There is a radio there that plays piano versions of Elvis songs. Annie, Jake, Isaac, Wayon, and all the disco dancers at the disco last night are there at the funeral. The radio station DJ is the priest and he said, "We gather here today to honor one of the greatest men in entertainment history, Elvis Presley. Many believe he died many years ago, but the truth will never be known to them. He is to be remembered for his greatest achievements which are his greatest hits that got played on the radio a lot. He introduced us to rock and roll music in 1956 when he first appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. He may now rest in peace under the eyes of God and the eyes of all his fans that enjoyed his music over the years. Many Elvis fans worldwide would pay a fortune to witness an event like this, but they don't know about this and that is how it is. He will only be remembered like this by the last two friends he ever made, Annie and Jake." The sad Elvis piano songs continue to play and Isaac and Wayon pretend to cry and it sounds very fake.